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The O. T. E. C. work for the year will be based upon Hildreth's Art of Study, Clark's How to Teach Reading, and Hodge's Nature Study. Applicants for examination in the higher branches are required to give one month's notice.
The county examinations of pupils under the Patterson Law will be held on the third Saturday of April and the second Saturday of May.
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Little Sister

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"Aren't you going to answer my question? Won't you take me with you?"

Clifford Vane turned with surprise as he heard the voice. A girl with deep brown eyes and hair in which there was a tint of gold was standing beside the boat, her skirts blown out against her slender figure. The fluttering sail had made so much noise that Vane had not heard the girl before. He frowned unconsciously, for he was in no humor for company.

"It's too rough today. There's a nasty sea running, and you'll get wet through," he answered.

"As if I cared for that! And if it's so rough why do you venture out?"

"Because I want to. Because it suits my mood."

The words sounded rude, but Marjorie Winthrop knew from the intent expression on Vane's face as he gazed out on the black clouds, the sullen green water of the bay and the wind-blown whitecaps that he was speaking more to himself than to her.

"And if it suits my mood?"

"You with moods, child? Vane said wonderingly. "What can you know of moods? Black enough to suit with such a day. Go back to your dolls and read your pretty fairy love stories and believe in their truth as long as you can," he added bitterly.

"You think because I'm only seventeen I'm not to feel and think?"

"Think only of pleasant things?"

"But if the day suits me it is pleasant. Please take me."

"What will your mother say?"

"She won't care. She only thinks of Edith. If it was Edith, not such a valuable different, but I'm not a valuable cargo. No one will bother about me."

There was a quaver in the girl's voice that made Vane look at her. She was looking out over the yeasty water with misty eyes and set mouth.

"All right," said Vane after a moment's hesitation. "I'm in a reckless mood. Let fate take care of us. What will be will be. Jump in."

It was a gusty day, and the Dot, too light for such weather, her lee rail almost under water, staggered under the waves, every now and then burying her nose into the rollers and sending a shower of spray into the boat. Vane had all he could do to manage her and for a time forgot his companion and almost his gloomy thoughts in the grim pleasure of his contest with wind and storm lashed sea. It was Edith Winthrop he was thinking of, the woman who had led him on to love her and then thrown him over for another man. Edith did not care. Every one must be sacrificed for her amusement—yes, even this child, her sister. At the thought he glanced at the girl who she sat poised out to windward, like some spirit of the sea, her hair blowing in the wind, her cheeks aglow with excitement, her eyes fixed with a far-away look on the horizon. Vane had never noticed how pretty she was before. He had always thought of her as a mere child, and, lo, she was a woman. What was she thinking of? he wondered.

As if in answer to the question, Marjorie turned and met his eyes for an instant and then looked away.

"You've heard of Edith's engagement?" she said.

"Yes," answered Vane, setting his teeth hard. "I only found it out today."

"I knew it weeks ago. You thought she cared for you?"

"Yes."

"You might have known she didn't. Van Alstyne is a richer man than you—in money. It's wealth and power she wants, and attention and admiration. Love? She doesn't know what it is. And you thought she had a heart?" cried the girl. "This sea has more."

"I know it now," said Vane, "when it's too late."

"And you—can you care for her still?" asked Marjorie after a silence.

"Yes—at least I care for the ideal I thought her."

"What did you think her?"

"Brave, courageous, noble hearted, with a soul as beautiful as her body, a comrade for a man, to face with him the storms of life, a woman tender and true, to fight for and dare for. I would have tried to give her everything she wanted. No man can love her as I do—and now—" Vane laughed bitterly as an ending to his sentence.

"Why did you come out today in this gale?" said Marjorie. "Is your life so worthless to you that you would risk it because a thoughtless woman has wounded you?"

"My life! What does it matter? I don't care."

"I thought you didn't," returned the girl gravely. "I knew you didn't. That's why I came. I couldn't let you come alone."

"And you came because you thought—"

"And you were not afraid?"

"No. Why should I be? I knew you were a man who was not of your self." The girl smiled at him confidently. "I am perfectly safe with you," she added.

So Marjorie had risked her life for him, so that in his desperate humor he should not go alone. But how could she, a mere child, to understand? She, at least, had a heart to make some man happy. And here he was putting her life at the mercy of the sea to gratify his selfish mood of bitterness. Well,

he must get her home at once—then—Vane thought he did not much care what happened afterward.

It was blowing harder as Vane came about and slackened the sheet for the run to the far distant lighthouse and the hotel on the hill. They were going before the wind now, the boat rolling dangerously in the clutch of the waves, the waves behind following with hungry jaws and threatening every moment to engulf them.

With braced body and strained muscles, every sense alert, Vane gripped the tiller, striving to hold the boat against the swirling bullets of the waves, his one thought to get her safely to land. Every moment the wind increased, every moment the sea became more tumultuous. Would they make it? he wondered.

They were nearly opposite the boat house when there came a sudden whirl of wind from between the hills ahead. Vane had but time to cry a warning when the sea lifted, the boat came swinging over with an angry snarl, the waves flung upon her beam ends, and the next moment he found himself entangled in cordage and battling for his life beneath the waves. With desperate fingers he cleared himself and came to the surface. And Marjorie—where was she? Good God! Had she been struck by the boom and made unconscious or killed, or had she, too, been carried down by the sinking boat?

For an agonized moment Vane could see no sign of her, and then he spied her just coming to the surface. She was going down again when he caught her and started for the shore. It was a long swim against a tide that seemed to drag him down as if with clutching hands, but Vane swore he would save this girl who risked her life for him or lose her own. He could see people running to the boathouse now and getting out the boat. How slow they were! Would they never come? His muscles were giving out, his breath came heavily, his limbs felt like lead. Could he have done this? He was weary, fast now. He tried to revive his failing strength, to overmaster his weakness. The world grew black before him, and then a strong arm gripped his shoulder, and he and Marjorie were lifted into the boat and rowed toward shore.

In those days afterward, while Marjorie hovered between life and death, Clifford Vane learned how much he could do for this girl, this girl he thought was a child and now knew to be the woman in all the world for him. Gone was his love for Edith Winthrop. He knew now that he had in her sister all that Edith had seemed and more. And there came a day when he was permitted to see her.

He found her on an upper piazza of the hotel clad in a soft blue wrapper, her hair loose on her shoulders, and she smiled her pale face back at him gave him hope that in saving her he had found happiness.

Her Opinion.

He was very badly gone in love indeed, as may be judged by the fact that he sat up till the wee sma' hours and scribbled inches off a pen in composing the following epistle:

Beautiful one with eyes so blue,
Oh, how my heart beats for you!
Sweet spirit, listen to me now,
Hear once again my ardent vow!

There was about two feet six inches of this soul inspiring verse, and he sent it to the object of his adoration, with a request that she would express an opinion on its merits. He got it.

Dear Mr. Theodore Hopkins—You ask me for my opinion of your verse. I do not like to hurt your feelings, but if you will read the initial letters of the first four lines you may say that you express my sentiments exactly. Yours very truly,
MABEL BROWN.

And when Theodore strung the first four letters together he pondered bitterly.—London Telegraph.

A New Profession.

It has been declared by a St. Louis court that "schadschening" is a legal and legitimate profession, according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A schadschen is a person who for a fee undertakes to secure a wife for a man who desires to marry. In the suit in question after the blushing bride had been happily wed to the young man who employed the "schadschen," the husband refused to pay the fee of \$300 which it was claimed he had promised. On taking the matter into court, decision was rendered that the money would have to be paid. So that the business of schadschening now has a legal and honorable standing, and can be taken up by anyone. The superiority of the male intellect, or perhaps we would better say, its commercial superiority, is emphasized in this transaction. For years women have carried on all the matchmaking, and "accidental" encounters and a hundred methods of bringing two young people together for the purpose of inducing matrimony, even throwing the young woman at the young man's head, figuratively speaking, in reckless desperation when other plans have failed; and they have done it all "for fun."

Now a man steps in, puts the matter on a business basis and reaps a reward of \$300. It is ever thus. The feminine mind fails to grasp the money-making possibilities. We have no doubt men will now go ahead and build up a large and profitable "schadschening" business, when the work is undoubtedly better suited to women.

Convicted of Fraud.

Chicago, April 23.—Hiram B. Sherman and Harry O'Donovan were yesterday found guilty of fraudulent conduct as judges of election in the Eighteenth ward at the election last fall. A motion for a new trial was entered.

A FORTUNE FOR PROPHETS.

Senator Bard Wants Government to Give \$150,000 to Successful Weather Predictors.

Washington (D. C.) Special.

Anyone who can find out what causes the weather, and apply his knowledge to forecasting what the weather will be for 30 days at a time, can get \$150,000 from the United States government, if a bill introduced by Senator Bard, of California, becomes a law. This bill offers \$150,000 in two prizes, one of \$100,000 and the other of \$50,000, for the discovery of the physical basis of meteorology.

Even government weather experts admit that they do not know what causes

the weather. They can tell with some accuracy what the weather will be for 24 hours, but after that they can only predict things about the weather conditions surrounding points for which predictions are made, but they can't say what is going to happen next.

There are scientists in Washington who believe that there is a fixed basis of the weather, and that once this basis is discovered, it will be possible, say on May 1, to predict exactly what the weather will be for every day that month, including rainfall, temperature, and all other things necessary to be known for the benefit of agriculture, horticulture or commerce.

These scientists have consulted with Senator Bard, and the result is this bill, which provides that the president shall appoint three men as a board of meteorology, to be selected from expert meteorologists nominated from or by Yale, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Leland Stanford and Chicago universities.

The board will conduct the contest for the prizes. The prize of \$100,000 will go to the person who produces the best results as to temperature, which shall include the discovery of the physical basis of meteorology and the best system of forecasting temperature. The prize of \$50,000 will go to the best discovery in predicting rainfall.

This is not to be a guessing match, because each contestant must select three different localities of varying climates, and predict the exact weather that will visit these three localities every day, making his predictions for 30 days in advance, and keeping them up for six consecutive months. Then the contestant must go before the board and tell how he did it. His explanation must be upon scientific principles, or the experts will not award the prize to him.

TOLD ABOUT MISS LEITER.

Rumor Has It That Former Chicago Belle Is Engaged to Marry Lord Kitchener.

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